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of any merchandise of a class or kind provided for in any absolute or tariffrate quota, whether the quota is open or closed. In the case of merchandise of a class or kind provided for in a tariffrate quota, the merchandise is subject to the rate of duty in effect on the date of entry.

[T.D. 73–175, 38 FR 17445, July 2, 1973, as amended by T.D. 75–185, 40 FR 31753, July 29, 1975; T.D. 78–394, 43 FR 49787, Oct. 25, 1978; T.D. 85–123, 50 FR 29953, July 23, 1985; T.D. 94–51, 59 FR 30293, June 13, 1994]

GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

#### §10.171 General.

(a) Statutory authority. Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 as amended (19 U.S.C. 2461–2467) authorizes the President to establish a Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) to provide duty-free treatment for eligible articles imported directly from designated beneficiary developing countries. Beneficiary developing countries and articles eligible for duty-free treatment are designated by the President by Executive order in accordance with sections 502(a)(1) and 503(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 as amended (19 U.S.C. 2462(a)(1), 2463(a)).

(b) Country defined. For purposes of §§ 10.171 through 10.178, except as otherwise provided in §10.176(a), the term "country" means any foreign country, any overseas dependent territory or possession of a foreign country, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. In the case of an association of countries which is a free trade area or customs union or which is contributing to comprehensive regional economic integration among its members through appropriate means, including but not limited to, the reduction of duties, the President may by Executive order provide that all members of such association other than members which are barred from designation under section 502(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2462(b)) shall be treated as one country for purposes of §§ 10.171 through 10.178.

[T.D. 76-2, 40 FR 60047, Dec. 31, 1975, as amended by T.D. 80-271, 45 FR 75641, Nov. 17, 1980; T.D. 00-67, 65 FR 59675, Oct. 5, 2000]

### § 10.172 Claim for exemption from duty under the Generalized System of Preferences.

A claim for an exemption from duty on the ground that the Generalized System of Preferences applies shall be allowed by the port director only if he is satisfied that the requirements set forth in this section and §\$10.173 through 10.178 have been met. If duty-free treatment is claimed at the time of entry, a written claim shall be filed on the entry document by placing the symbol "A" as a prefix to the subheading of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States for each article for which such treatment is claimed.

[T.D. 76-2, 40 FR 60048, Dec. 31, 1975, as amended by T.D. 77-36, 42 FR 5041, Jan. 27, 1977; T.D. 89-1, 53 FR 51252, Dec. 21, 1988; T.D. 94-47, 59 FR 25569, May 17, 1994; T.D. 99-27, 64 FR 13675, Mar. 22, 1999]

## § 10.173 Evidence of country of origin.

(a) Shipments covered by a formal entry—(1) Merchandise not wholly the growth, product, or manufacture of a beneficiary developing country. (i) Declaration. In a case involving merchandise covered by a formal entry which is not wholly the growth, product, or manufacture of a single beneficiary developing country, the exporter of the merchandise or other appropriate party having knowledge of the relevant facts shall be prepared to submit directly to the port director, upon request, a declaration setting forth all pertinent detailed information concerning the production or manufacture of the merchandise. When requested by the port director, the declaration shall be prepared in substantially the following form:

## GSP DECLARATION

I, (name), hereby declare that the articles described below were produced or manufactured in \_\_\_\_\_ (country) by means of processing operations performed in that country as set forth below and were also subjected to processing operations in the other country or countries which are members of the same association of countries as set forth below and incorporate materials produced in the country named above or in any